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It's Time To Retire.....

Unless a buyer comes forward in the next month, we will discontinue publication of The Observer at the end of the year.

We really regret that it will mean another vacant business building on Main Street and the community will lose its ability to advertise its activities through a local media, but we have been here for 45 years, having purchased the business January 1, 1967. (Joe has actually been here since 1959, as he worked for previous owners).

The country's economic condition and new technology are a hindrance to the sale of newspapers today - small or large. People are relying more and more on the Internet for their news and information. Myself, I still prefer a cup of coffee and my newspaper.

We have seen many changes in the newspaper business and the town during our 45 years in business.

When we purchased The Observer we were setting type on a linotype and printing on a big Babcock press that shock the building when in operation. In 1967, there were no vacant lots in the business district and the buildings were all occupied by a mom and pop business. The stores, including the bank, were closed on Thursday afternoon and they had extended hours in the weeks before Christmas so local residents could get their shopping done.

We are truly grateful to our advertisers and subscribers for providing us a living here as we have always enjoyed living in this "Little Town With A Big Heart."

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The News In Brief

The Fulton County Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday, December 5, in the commissioners' room of the Fulton County Office Building, Rochester. The agenda will include various departmental reports, the third reading of the county disaster emergency declaration ordinance, a no parking ordinance for the Mt. Zion bridge, consideration of a homestead research contract with SRI, a request for luminaries on the courthouse lawn, additional appropriation and transfer requests, minutes and old and new business.

The Fulton County Historical Society will hold its annual Christmas open house Saturday, December 10, from 1 to 6 p.m. Local piano players will play the baby grand piano from the Colonial Hotel. The museum will be decorated with approximately 40 or more Christmas trees and refreshments will be served. The gift shop will be open for holiday purchases. A program entitled "Wild West Town" will be given at 6 p.m. in the Richland Center Memorial Hall. This is a fundraiser for the museum. Admission is \$6 for ages 12 and older. Children 11 years of age and younger will be admitted free. The program will be filled with music, comedy, dance, etc.

The Farmers Market will be open for only three more Saturdays, December 3, 10 and 17. Hours are 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Fulton County Museum. Vendors and craftsmen are invited to come. Breakfast/brunch of coffee, rolls and breads will be available. The Farmers Market will re-open in the spring.

Roy Bell, Jason Miller and William Scroggs have been charged with five counts stemming from the robbery and murder of 81-year-old Wilma Upsall of near Leiters Ford last week. Upsall died of multiple gun shot wounds to the back.

The Kewanna town council will receive bids for its 1975 bucket truck at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, December 1, at the town hall. For more information, call 574-653-2112.

Non-perishable food items and paper products can be dropped off at the Community State Bank, Kewanna branch, for the Kewanna Community Food Pantry. Also needed are dish soap, laundry soap, etc.

The Fulton County Historical Power Association will hold its annual meeting Saturday, December 3 at the Fulton County Museum. There will be a carry-in meal at 6 p.m. followed by a short business meeting and auction at 7 p.m. Meat, rolls, drinks and table service will be provided. Everyone is encouraged to bring food to share and participate in the

auction by donating and/or providing items.

Fulton County United Ministries is seeking food and monetary donations for the holiday season. Food may be dropped off at the food pantry, 625 Pontiac St., or placed in collection boxes located throughout Rochester. Monetary donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 531, Rochester, IN 46975.

The Richland Township Community Association will hold its annual Christmas banquet Monday, December 5, at the Fulton County Museum. A carry-in meal will start at 6 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7 p.m. Meat, rolls, drinks and table service will be provided. Alumni, township residents and friends are welcome to enjoy the fellowship and bring food to share.

The 11th annual Light Up Logansport Parade was held Friday, November 25, in downtown Logansport. The floats in the parade will be on display at the Little Turtle Waterway plaza until January 1.

The Emmaus Mission Center Food Pantry in Logansport is in need of food donations to meet the current demand. If you would like to donate food items, take them to the mission at 1203 College Street between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

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Soup suppers to start in January

Community members are already asking how they can volunteer for the winter Wednesday night soup suppers at the Kewanna United Methodist Church.

Soup suppers start Wednesday, January 4, and continue each Wednesday night until March 14. Suppers are served in the church annex from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Home deliveries are made to elderly and shut-ins.

Volunteers are needed in four areas. These areas and their contact persons include:

Soup making - Sheri Cook
Delivery - Bev Ton
Kitchen help - Barb Clyde
Prayer Coordinators - Bev Kreamer and Dana Field
Donations are always welcome.

We also welcome names of those in Kewanna who would benefit from a good, hot bowl of soup on Wednesday evening. Everyone is welcome to eat, to help, to enjoy!

Bev Ton

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Holiday Art Tour Saturday and Sunday

The 7th annual Holiday Art Tour will be held this Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Saturday tour hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m.

This year's tour will include four locations, the Corner Market Mall, 705 Main Street, Rochester; Brushstrokes Studio, 1505 Mitchell Dr., Rochester; Corner Stop, 800 E 150 S; and the Akron Community Building, 815 E. Rural Street, Akron.

There are 20 artists involved in this year's tour, including three from Kewanna - Don Kegarise who will be showing his acrylic paintings; Nick Brown, photography; and Lindsey Kozubik, oil paintings. Don will be exhibiting at the Akron Community Center while Nick and Lindsey will be at the Corner Market Mall in Rochester.

Others artists at the community center will include Lisa Bemish and Kay Dubois Marilyn Kruger, oil paintings; Jan Gintner, water colors; Perry Olshen, paintings; Terry Puller, acrylics; and Mike Yazel, various mediums.

Pat Thompson and Gail Karas will show and sell their paintings at Brushstrokes Studio.

Joining Nick and Lindsey at the Corner Market Mall will be Mercedes Brugh, glass; Gretchen Coplen, oil paintings; Braden Eikenberry, stained glass; Jim Eikenberry, acrylic and mixed media; Gary Wyatt, pottery; Terri Wyatt, candles; and Lisa Zeyen, watercolors.

Garland Taylor of Chicago and Rochester will show his sculpture at county roads 500 East and 150 South.

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RECYCLING DATES

THURS., DEC. 1ST
THURS., DEC. 15TH
THURS., DEC. 29TH

Potato/chili/salad bar at Methodist Church

The Crossroads and Turning Point youth groups of the Kewanna United Methodist Church will serve a baked potato/chili/salad bar from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Saturday, December 3, in the church annex. There will also be a craft and bake sale. Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door (or \$7 plus a toy or non-perishable food item.)

Proceeds will go to purchase gifts, clothing, toys, etc. for those in need at Christmas.

A talent show is also being planned for the evening, starting at 6 p.m.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Karla Kreamer at 574-249-1499.

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VFW Christmas party

The James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121, Kewanna, will host its annual Christmas party for kids Sunday, December 11, from 2 to 4 p.m. Children from infants to 11 years of age are welcome to enjoy the festivities.

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Birthday party for Jesus

The Kewanna Church of Christ will host a birthday party for Jesus from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10. Children age 3 through sixth grade are welcome to join in the festivities.

The party will include a Bible lesson, crafts, games, singing, lunch and cake.

For more information, call Martha Sheridan at 574-842-2202 or the church at 574-653-2496.

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Christmas concert at Methodist Church

The Kewanna United Methodist Church will host award winning Southern Gospel recording artist Jerry Garcia on Saturday, December 10 at 6 p.m.

This Christmas concert will be an unforgettable night for all. Invite your friends and family to experience a wonderful start to the Christmas season.

The first 90 people will receive a free Christmas button that reads "It's okay to say Merry Christmas".

A free will offering will be taken.

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Clubs Societies Personals



Fay Pinder to celebrate 100th birthday

Fay Pinder will celebrate her 100th birthday at an open house in the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Ed and Lora Pinder, 914 Lakeshore Dr., Culver, from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 11.

Fay was born December 12, 1911 in Kewanna. She married Harold Pinder in 1934, also in Kewanna. Harold passed away October 28, 1982.

Fay was employed as head cook at Fulton High School and

Kewanna High School. She also worked at Winamac Coil Spring in Kewanna. Her last 10 years of work was at Pinder's Restaurant in Culver as a cook and pie baker. She then lived in Kewanna until four years ago when she went to live with her son and daughter-in-law in Culver. Her other sons include Dick (June) Pinder, Crossville, Tennessee, Jerry (Beverly) Pinder, Plymouth; and David, South Bend. One son, Robert, is deceased.

Fay will enjoy your presence, cards and memories, but, please, no gifts.

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Madeline and Richard Sommers celebrate 60th

Madeline and Richard Sommers, Star City, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Bass Pro Shop restaurant in Portage.

Sommers and the former Madeline Fisher, who met in grade school, were married November 25, 1951, in the Star City United Methodist Church by Rev. Luther Page.

Richard is a farmer and Madeline is a housewife.

They are the parents of three children: David, (Dottie) Sommers, Kewanna, Daniel (Karen) Sommers, Lafayette, and Betty (Steve) Anderson, Lafayette. They also have six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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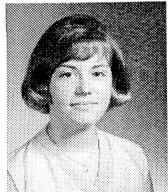
Hospital Notes

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

November 18
Births – Autumn Smith, Rochester, a son
November 21
Admissions – Bonnie Montgomery and Vicki Stephen, Rochester; Larry Smith, Silver Lake
Dismissals – Rebecca Woodall and daughter, Mary Woods, Bonnie Montgomery and Autumn Smith and son, all of Rochester; Larry Smith, Silver Lake
November 22
Admissions – Margaret Kistler and Thomas Brown, Rochester; Lesell Haltermann, Macy
November 23
Admissions – Kenneth Brown and Randy Thompson, Rochester; Weldon Aldefer, Argos; Frank Johnson, Kewanna
Dismissals – Vicki Stephen, Rochester
November 25
Admissions – Virgil Wagoner and Dorothy Horn, Rochester
Dismissals – Kenneth Brown and Margaret Kistler, Rochester
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Send In Your News

DEATHS



KAREN MARIE LAWSON

Karen Marie Lawson, 59, Richmond, Virginia, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at Manor Care Hospice in Richmond. The former Kewanna resident was born December 22, 1951 in Logansport to Marvin D. and Mildred (Easterday) Engle. Karen was formerly married to Phillip Troutman, also of Kewanna. She later married Samy Lawson on October 3, 1999 and he preceded her in death in 2000. Karen was a 1970 Kewanna High School graduate and also had attended Manchester College. She formerly worked at the Marlo Restaurant in Kewanna. She also worked as a substitute teacher for 10 years and as a CNA for 10 years. Karen enjoyed working with

young people and taught Sunday school and Bible school classes. She was a talented seamstress and also enjoyed crocheting. She also loved swimming at the YMCA in Richmond. She was a member of the Evangelical Friends Church in Richmond. Survivors include a son, Robert Troutman, and his wife Christina of Chester, Virginia; his daughter, Carrie Luck and her husband Sam of Mechanicsville, Virginia; his mother, Mildred Engle, Kewanna; and a sister, Kathryn Perkins and her husband John of Greenwood. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Sage Mulver, Aiden Luck, and Savannah and Sierra Troutman. She was also preceded in death by her father, Marvin D. Engle. Services were held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 30, at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna Chapel, with Pastor Scott Meneely officiating. Burial was in the Kewanna Citizens-IOOF Cemetery. A visitation was held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday evening, November 29, at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society and or the Diabetes Foundation. Online condolences can be sent to www.harrisonmetzger.com. +++

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Community Hospital Sibling Class

The next sibling class is scheduled for Dec 10 at Pulaski Memorial Hospital, from 9 am to 10:30 am. The purpose of the class is to assist the big brothers and big sisters (ages 3 to 10 years) to adjust to the new baby in the family. They are offered a tour of the OB department to see where the baby is to be born, learn how to hold and assist in the baby's care, and explore their feelings about becoming a big brother or big sister. Parents are encouraged to schedule your child for the date closest to the expected date of delivery. An adult must accompany the child. To register, call Patient Services at 574-946-2193 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Please provide your doctor's name, your due date and telephone number. There is no charge if you plan to deliver at Pulaski Memorial. There will be a \$6 charge if you plan to deliver elsewhere. Guest Speakers to Community Pulaski Memorial Hospital has

launched its new speaker's bureau, complete with Power Point presentations. This is a free service to any civic, club, school or church organization. Available topics include: New addition Radiology contact Jim Pingle at 574-946-2138; Emergency contact Deb McDonald at 574-946-2141; Home Health contact Anya Bean at 574-946-2145; Hospice contact Karen Utes at 574-946-2140; Oncology contact Joan Lauder at 574-946-2180; Maternity contact Sharon Berry at 574-946-2113; Rehab Services contact Will Fox at 574-946-2156; and the Winamac Specialists' Clinic contact Carol Sparks at 574-946-2106. Volunteer Openings The Pulaski Memorial Auxiliary has openings for both men and women. Areas of service include Reception Desk, Gift Shop, Hostess Program and Patient Services. For more information call 574-946-2100. The Pulaski Memorial Hospice is also in need of men and women volunteers. For information about this opportunity call 574-946-2140 and ask for Karen Utes. Free Breastfeeding Clinic The Pulaski Memorial Maternity Department's "Drop-In" Clinic is where you can get your breastfeeding questions answered. Please come to the hospital front lobby and ask for the drop-in-clinic. The clinic is offered weekly, each Wednesday from 3:30 to 6:30 pm. The visit is completely free and no appointment is needed. Julia Decker, RN, RNC, and an International Board Certified

Lactation Consultant will staff the clinic. Social Security A Social Security representative will not be at Pulaski Memorial Hospital. If you need to contact Social Security call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov *****

Caston Athletic Schedule

Thurs., Dec. 1 – Elementary boys basketball with Argos at Caston, 5:30 p.m.; varsity wrestling at Trilon, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 2 – JV boys county basketball tournament at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.; varsity boys county basketball tournament at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 3 – JV/varsity girls county basketball tournament at Logansport, 6:30 p.m.; varsity wrestling invitational at Winamac, 9 a.m.
Mon., Dec. 5 – Elementary boys basketball at Rochester, 5:30 p.m.; JH boys basketball with Lincoln at Caston, 5:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 8 – JH boys basketball with Argos at Caston, 5:30 p.m.
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Varsity wrestling

The Caston wrestlers defeated South Newton Tuesday evening, November 22, at Caston, 45-30. Winning for the Comets were weight class and wrestlers: 126 – Luke Piotrowski, pin 132 – Braden Moss, decision 138 – Kyle Harvey, pin 160 – Graham Redwick, pin 170 – Taylor Grooms, forfeit 182 – Jeremy Gonzalez, forfeit 198 – Ryan Coffing, forfeit 220 – Juan Gonzalez, forfeit
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Looking Back

SIXTY YEARS AGO

December 7, 1951

Joe McPherson, owner and manager of the Key Theatre, announced that he will open a cry room Sunday, December 9. The new room features a large, plate glass window facing the screen and is sound proof. A speaker has been installed so that the show may be enjoyed while pacifying infants without disturbing the other patrons.

William F. Troutman, Valparaiso, was notified recently that he passed his bar examination last month. Troutman was admitted to law practice in court ceremonies December 4 in Valparaiso, where he attended law school. He is the son of John and O. Troutman of here and has many relatives in this area.

The good neighbor spirit was again manifested this past week when members and friends of the Pleasant Hill Church at Lake Bruce gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams with tractors, corn pickers, wagons and an elevator and picked corn for them. The ladies of the church furnished the dinner. Mr. Williams has been sick during the past summer and recently underwent major surgery, followed by pneumonia.

Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Meckes of Kewanna are the parents of a son, Mark Joel, born November 20 at Woodlawn Hospital.

From Kewanna School News

9th Grade News

I am sure you have noticed a larikin's arm. She slipped on the ice a couple of weeks ago and injured it. It will be in a sling for about a week.

Alice Stingley, a member of the freshman class, has a birthday



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Friday, December 7

Last Friday, November 30, we exchanged names for Christmas. Reporter, Dara Masteller

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Anderson entertained members of the Sunday Evening Supper Club Sunday in their home near Kewanna. The evening featured a turkey dinner and an exchange of Christmas gifts among the children. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Anderson and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Herman McColey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Shidaker and daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Talbott and family, all of Kewanna, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Metzger and family of Rochester.

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

December 6, 1956

Marilyn Zellers, Franklin College senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Zellers, has been elected to membership in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She is president of Gold Quill scholastic honorary and the Panhellenic Association, which is the governing body for the Greek letter fraternity women.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hickie, Kewanna, are the parents of a daughter born at Woodlawn Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Knicker of Hammond are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. George Hickie, Kewanna, are the paternal grandparents.

Aletta Jane Walters, Rt. 3, Kewanna, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vachael Walters, was admitted to Riley

Hospital in Indianapolis Tuesday where she will undergo surgery.

The grand openings of Young's Grocery in Grass Creek and Farris Plumbing and Heating in Kewanna last week were well attended. Drawing winners at Farris were Mrs. Ethel Smith, a garbage disposal; Mrs. Blaine Orr, an electric drill; and Trudy Troutman, Joe Good, Frank Hendrickson, Nellie Lisey, Mrs. Herman McColey, Mrs. Edward Shadle, Mrs. Luther Bussert and Mrs. William Adams, pipe wrenches.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

December 7, 1961

Patrick Omar McLochin, 64, Kewanna, died at 1 p.m. last Sunday at Woodlawn Hospital. Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Kewanna, with Father Matthew Drennan officiating. Burial was in St. Ann's Cemetery. Survivors include his widow, the former Ethel Vanata; one son, Francis, Grass Creek; one daughter, Mrs. Madeline Myers, Kewanna; four grandchildren; three brothers; and four sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Parker are the parents of a daughter, Bridget Renee, born November 27 at Community Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds and 7 ounces. Mrs. Parker is the former Sherry Hizer of Kewanna.

The Gay Cleaners Circle of the Methodist Church met December 4 in the church annex for a covered dish supper. Hostesses were Beth Reason, Mildred McColey, Ruth Ann Anderson and Lois Kumer. Twenty-seven members answered roll call and there were three guests, Mary Biber, Karen Good and Judy Mills.

The Kewanna MYF group went

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to Rochester Sunday evening to take its donations for the Lebanon Children's Home. The local group took third prize for canned goods collected and honorable mention for its display. Attending were Mary Nell, Barbara and Sally Masteller, Kenan Cook, Laura Hilfinger and Ronnie Miller, accompanied by Jack Hogan, Kenneth Cook and Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Cwin.

Ruby Woolington, Amy Wilson and Golda Polen were in Rochester Tuesday evening to attend a meeting of the Fulton County Republican Women's Club at the Legion Hall.

Kewanna's junior high basketball team gained its fourth victory in as many starts by defeating the Logansport Saints, 63-36, on their home floor. Ken Robinson and Jim Ley did a good job of rebounding against the taller team. Ronnie McColey led Kewanna with 21 points while Robbins and Jim Talbott collected 12 points apiece.

Two Kewanna rural mail carriers Paul Ley and Hugh Wilson, have received Safe Driving Awards from the National Safety Council. Paul's was for 18 years of accident free mail delivery while Hugh's was for five years of delivering the mail without an accident.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

December 8, 1966

Richard Graffia, a member of the Taylor University cross country team, spent his Thanksgiving holiday in Omaha,

Nebraska, where the team participated in the national cross country meet.

Rev. Leroy Wiese, pastor of the Kewanna Methodist Church, plans to leave Thursday, January 5, from Miami, Florida, to spend a week in Haiti.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Pesaresi recently returned home from a week's trip to New York City where he represented Winamac Cold Spring at the annual meeting of the Spring Manufacturers Institute.

1st Lt. Brian Markle and his wife, 2nd Lt. Jeanne Markle, the former Jeanne Anne Urbin, left Monday for Vietnam.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Wills were Capt. and Mrs. Philip Wills of Fort Carson, Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wills of Elkhardt and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wills of Logansport. They helped Phil Wills celebrate his birthday. Capt. Wills is on a 30-day leave from the Army before leaving for duty in Vietnam.

The Kewanna Methodist Church will have a system of chimes mounted in the church tower before Christmas. The chimes were purchased by a church group who gave a show, "Aunt Jerushy", to raise funds for the chimes.

The Kewanna-Union Township Hospital Auxiliary met Monday evening. Entertainment was provided by Florence Hogan.

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"Looking Back"

Con't. From Page Four

Kathy Hogan and Mr. and Mrs. Ron Frillman. Officers elected for the coming year were Dorothy Chizum, president, and Helen Whiteman, secretary-treasurer. Hostesses were Opal Garner, Helen Whiteman, Florence Brown, Ann Zartman and Amy Wilson.

THIRTY YEARS AGO December 3, 1981

Did you notice that it took four or five Baldwins to TRY to replace Florence at Baldwins' Sundries when she was out-of-town last week? Just goes to show that moms are pretty indispensable!

Darryl Hoover and Lorie Jones of Gaston, Jackie Sells and Kristy Horn of Rochester High School and James Brown and Todd Milesell of Kewanna High School were among the students chosen to attend Senator Dick Lugar's "Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders" to be held Saturday, December 5, at Indiana Central University.

The WSBT-TV All Stars are scheduled to play a team made up of former Kewanna High School basketball players in a benefit game Thursday evening, December 10, in the local gymnasium. A ham, bean and cornbread supper will also be served. Proceeds from the evening's activities will go to the athletic fund.

Funeral services were held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Harrison-Metzger Funeral Home, Kewanna, for Madge Urbin, 94,

Rt. 1, Kewanna. Rev. Keith Smitley officiated and burial was in the IOOF Cemetery, Kewanna. Survivors include a daughter, Loma Baker, Culver; and two sons, Wilbur, Logansport, and Gerald, Fulton.

Family and friends gathered Saturday evening, November 28, at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, North Judson, to hear Robert and Millie Redkewik rededicate their wedding vows in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Following the ceremony, a dinner-dance was held at the Winamac Community Building.

Kathy Kegarise, representing the New Idea Club, recently presented warm-up shirts to Gary Davis and his junior high boys basketball team. Funds for the project came from various activities sponsored by the club.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

December 5, 1991

Mandy Wentzel, Kewanna, and John Gunter, Logansport, are the Fulton County winners of the Dick Lugar/Indiana Farm Bureau/Bank One youth essay contest. The theme for this year's essay was "Getting to Know Your Hoosier Farmer". County winners will now compete at the district level.

On Sunday, December 1, the Kewanna Church of Christ and the Luconore Christian Church began sharing Tim Rohrbacher as preaching evangelist/minister. The joint venture is the result of vision among leadership from both churches. The partnership was undertaken

on a trial basis for a six month period.

Jackie LeAndra Beach, daughter of Tech Sgt. and Mrs. Leroy Beach, is featured as Tomorrow's Leader. Jackie is five years old and attends kindergarten at Eastlawn Elementary in Rantoul, Illinois. She enjoys dance class and Space Cubs at the First Baptist Church in Rantoul. Her grandparents are Joe and Janet Szwack of Logansport and Nellie Beach of Chicopee, Massachusetts.

Brian Young of Winamac received his Boy Scout Eagle Award during a court of honor ceremony recently. Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Young, Winamac, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, Kewanna.

Lois Kurler attended "The Messiah" Sunday in Logansport. This marks the 22nd annual performance of the musical by the Cass County Community Choir. Lois' daughter and son-in-law, Pat and George Hoover of Rochester, were members of the choir with Pat having a solo part.

LOCALS

Guests of Virginia Agnew for a family Thanksgiving celebration included Marsha and Ed Tomerlin, Erin Tomerlin and Ashlyn and friend Jason and Eric Tomerlin and friend Michelle of Hebron; John and Pam Agnew, Jarrod Agnew and Zachary, Joshua Agnew and friend Christy, Greg and Jackie Agnew, Jeff and Tina Agnew, Shayna, Kayleena and Lucinda, and Jeff and Kim Hunter, Raean and Caleb, all of Rochester. Everyone enjoyed this special celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday. Amy Agnew and Alexis missed all the food and good times as they were in Philadelphia where Alexis and three other girls took part in the

Philadelphia Thanksgiving parade. They, too, had a wonderful time and a safe trip there and back.

A Pugh family Thanksgiving was held at the home of Jackie Pugh at Lake Bruce. Her guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dave Pugh, Luke and Kole, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pugh, Harley and Lucy, Emily Larkin, Cal and Will, Rick Haschel, Christine Turpin and Riley, Cloe Reinhold and Vicki Pugh, all of Winamac; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Snyder, Mr. and Mrs. John Pugh, Steven and Shelby, and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baker, Clar and Allie, Culver; Mr. and Mrs. Jason Peters, Brandt and Kassie, Plymouth; Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pugh, Lizzie and Ashley, Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pugh and Kyle, Kewanna; Mr. and Mrs. Wade Shedrow, Levi and Madison, Montevray.

Ellen Walsh enjoyed spending Sunday as a guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Paula Walsh and their family.

Those persons who will be having birthdays next week (so please remember to give them your best regards) are: Mark Hall, Neal Hainbaugh, Austin Kimble and Chuck Kumlner, Dec. 4; Mindi Cogdill, Torrie Crissinger, Amanda Leazenby and Juan Sanchez, Dec. 5; Ryan Baker, Ann Bauman, Cindy Eastwood, Angela Gudeman, Kami Newton and Zack Short, Dec. 6; Courtney Brazier, Dec. 7; Derek Eisbrenner and Gayle Newton, Dec. 8; and Kent Cook, Nita LaFollette, Sydney Lewark and Noah Womeldorf, Dec. 10.

There are six couples who will be celebrating their wedding anniversaries next week: Mr. and Mrs. Robin Michael, Dec. 4; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Peters, Dec. 5; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bucks, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hamman, Dec. 6; and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Dees, Dec. 8.

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"Slices of Life"

By: Jill Pertler



Winners and losers

Physical prowess is not a new concept. Athletic competitions date back at least as far as the first Olympics, which was way before my time. We're talking ancient—as in Greece.

Greek athletes were serious about their fitness goals. They had to be. They competed in the nude. One must be confident in one's own skin to let it all hang out while running or wrestling (avoid mental image here). I am lacking that sort of confidence.

My clothing sets me apart from the original Olympians. So does my gender. All Olympic sportsmen were sponsored. Married women were banned from the ceremonies. The penalty for taking a peek was death via getting hurled off a cliff. Ouch.

I couldn't be a Greek Olympian, even if I was a married woman. The naked Greek men who competed all wanted to be winners. I am hoping for the opposite.

I want to be a loser. I long to lose on multiple levels. Inches.

Weight. Pants size. I think you could my drift.

During the last few years, I've become a gainer. This happened when I wasn't paying attention. Now it seems I am too big for my britches and I've bitten off more than I can chew—except my ability to chew isn't the issue. I can chew just fine. Chewing stole the loser out from under me, because we all understand that chewing leads to one thing: eating.

I love to eat. I prefer to do it every day—more than once actually. Unfortunately, this hinders my quest for membership in the loser's club.

Being a loser is like a math equation. You must take in less than you expend. This is called the theory of loseability and involves gravity and the expansion of one's waistline. You may have seen the theory symbolized as "Expenditure equals meal calories squared," or $E = mc^2$.

The theory is difficult for me, but not because of my deficiency in math skills. The problem lies

with athleticism, and my lack thereof. However, I've

discovered desperation—and an increasing pants size—can cause one to rethink one's aspirations for expenditure as well as mathematical prowess.

The ancient Olympians expended in the nude. This is no longer the case. In order to successfully expend, you must first spend. Modern-day athletes hang out in moisture-wicking thermal-dynamic body-stabilizing fabric out of outer space. The right workout attire is key to successful loss; or if it isn't, at least you'll look good trying.

The second part of the losing equation pertains to consumption. Some people call this a diet, but I find the term repulsive. Delete the last letter from the word and you are left with die. I don't want to die, at least not before I become a loser.

Instead of the "D" word, I prefer a food plan I call a live-it, because losing should include living. Oh, sure you'll need to become familiar with the anti-calorie group otherwise known as raw celery and cucumbers, but a juicy burger isn't out of the question, so long as you've got your expenditures up for the day.

It's all about the math.

That's nothing new. The ancient Greeks realized it more than two thousand years ago when they measured distances and race times; numbers don't lie. Embrace their truths and they'll no longer be the enemy. It's good news. You don't have to master advanced calculus or memorize the Pythagorean theorem. You don't need to possess the athletic prowess of a Greek Olympian. But you can still be a loser—just like me.

Jill Pertler, award-winning syndicated columnist and author of "The Do-It-Yourselfer's Guide to Self-Syndication" is collecting fans on Facebook on her Slices of Life page. Email her at perlmj@west.net; or visit her website at <http://marketing-by-design.home.mchsi.com/>.

LaFollettes continue anniversary celebration

Tom and Barb LaFollette have returned from an extension of their 50th wedding anniversary trip to Tennessee. They started out with LaFollette, Tennessee—a town of their namesake. It's kind of unique to see your name on the city limit sign! They also visited the towns of Sevierville, Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg, which have grown together and includes lots of eating places, attractions and shows to see. The Christmas light displays were very beautiful to see at night. The communities now use LED bulbs, which save energy and are long lasting.

The LaFollettes suggest checking with the locals to find the best shows and their picks of places to eat. Among those they tried were Mama's Farmhouse, Wood Grille Cafe and Bennett's Ribs and Pulled Pork. They believe there is nothing like good old Southern cooking and hospitality.

They saw some very good shows while there, one of which was a 1950s-60s show put on by Matt Cordell. His group did a fantastic job performing music from the 1950s and 1960s—including some very good selections from the movie "Grease." Then Matt Cordell impersonated Elvis, probably the best impersonation they had ever seen. He not only looked like Elvis, but the outfits were beautiful. Matt ranks #4 in the world as an "Elvis" impersonator and #1 in Pigeon Forge—a fantastic show! The "Smith Family Dinner Show" was put on by two brothers and one son who did a great job of entertaining with their Christmas

show. They and their group danced and sang, also impersonating other artists. They had a wonderful buffet set up before the show started.

The LaFollettes took a day trip into the Smoky Mountain State Park to Cade's Cove. It is about a 50-mile roundtrip of beautiful scenery with winding roads, rocky springs and rapids along the way. They also caught glimpses of wild turkeys and deer. They consider it a must see if going to Gatlinburg.

"The Christmas Spectacular" at the Great Smoky Mountain Opry was the finale of their trip. Not only was the theater beautifully decorated for Christmas, but outside while you waited for the show to start, they had an ice rink, amusement rides, hot cider and chocolate, a beautiful array of Christmas lights, trees and decorations and an opportunity to have pictures taken with Santa. The show itself was outstanding to say the least. It spared nothing on the costumes and sets as it had a live nativity scene with camels, sheep, a donkey and majestic angels dropping from the heavens.

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Upcoming Events At Kewanna Library

Dec. 17th – Children's program starting at noon
Dec. 19th – Board meeting at 6 p.m.
Dec. 24th – CLOSED
Dec. 31st – CLOSED

Family

Mother, father, sister, brother
Friend and foe at times.

We all live together in closets
In houses in our minds.

Tho' we compare each other—in likes and skills, and tastes
(houses, food, clothing, kids,
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There always is this one thing that we can all agree,

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Who loves someone

Who loved someone on the Family Tree.

The genes have been a-working,

Crossing much ethnicity

Tall, short, stout or thin

Red hair, blue eyes, freckles, fair skin,
Change to dark complexion, brown eyes, wide grin.

Through generations without a doubt
Italian, Pole or German have mixed the pot.

Regardless of our difference

In what we do or say

The DNA within us is forever here to stay.

Your are in me essence,

I, too, am him.

All because we are someone

Who loves someone

Who loved someone on the Family Tree.

Have you turned your back on those you love

Or even lost your way?

Does drink or drugs occupy your day?

Too proud, or shy, or other baggage?

Not to fear—we all have luggage!

Whether in Nevada, Texas, Carolina or home.

It follows us wherever we roam.

So suck it up, forgive, forget

Start off new, we'll be a hit!

There always is this one thing that we can all agree

We still are someone

Who loves someone

Who loved someone on the Family Tree.

So when family comes to dine,

Breathe deep, stay calm, practice divine.

Look at them with eyes anew—and think...

He came from where I came from too.

If I'm all right—then he's ok,

No judging, guilt, hate or blame.

Life is so short for goodness sake!

After all, we are someone

Who loves someone

Who loved someone on the Family Tree.

Kathy Kegaris

(Editor's Note: The above was written by Kathy Kegaris, not Susan Turner as indicated in last week's Observer. The poem was given to me at the Methodist church luncheon/bake sale and I neglected to write down who

handed it to me. Needless to say, after being gone for a week's vacation, my memory didn't function very well. Just goes to show that it is definitely time to retire!)

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Hoosier Beef Congress: Dec. 2 - 4 in the Champions Pavilion, South Pavilion and West Pavilion. Hours: Fri. and Sat. 8

a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sun. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: Free. For more info: Indiana Beef Cattle Assoc. (317) 293-2333 or www.hoosierbeefcongress.com

Hoosier Cup Gymnastics Invitational: Dec. 10 - 11 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 1 to 8 p.m. Admission: \$10; children 5 and younger free. For more info: www.hoosiercupinfo.com

McMiracle: Dec. 11 in the Champions Pavilion. The event begins at 2 p.m. For more info: Reginald O. Jones (317) 923-5656 or www.mcmiracle.com

33rd Annual Indiana Illinois Farm & Outdoor Power Equipment Show: Dec. 13 - 15 in the West Pavilion. Hours: Tues. and Wed. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission: free. For more info: Dick Sherman (843) 686-5640 or www.inillinoisfarmshow.com

Salvation Army Christmas City Toy Shop 2011: Dec. 15 in the Exposition Hall. Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission by invitation only! For more info: Julia Sloope (317) 637-5551 or www.indysocialservices.org

Great Train Expo: Dec. 17 - 18 in the Marsh Blue Ribbon Pavilion. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission: \$7; children 11 and younger free. For more info: Bill Grove (630) 608-4988 or www.trainexpo.com

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Notice is hereby given the fiscal officers and taxpayers of all taxing units located in Fulton County, Indiana, that prior to the review of the budgets, tax rates and levies for the year 2011 payable 2012, the Department of Local Government Finance, by its representatives, will conduct a public hearing on said matter, to be held in the Commissioners Court Room, 125 First Fulton County Annex, 125 E. 9th Street, Rochester, IN 46775 the date and time as follows:

December 15, 2011 at 10:00AM

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The following only apply if the County Board of Tax Adjustment or County Auditor modifies the budgets, tax rates, or tax levies of a political subdivision:

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A political subdivision may appeal to the Department for an increase in its tax rate or tax levies as modified by the county board of tax adjustment or the County Auditor. To initiate the appeal, the political subdivision shall file a statement with the Department not later than ten (10) days after publication of the notice required by IC 6-1-17-12. The legislative body of the political subdivision must authorize the filing of the statement by adopting a resolution. The resolution must be attached to the statement of objections, and the statement must be signed by:

- (1) In the case of counties, by the board of county commissioners and by the president of the county council.
- (2) In the case of all other political subdivisions, by the highest executive officer and by the presiding officer of the legislative body. IC 6-1-17-15.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Brian E. Bailey, Commissioner

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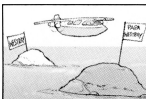
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Total Other Funds	\$75,810.57

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Finance. The board will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Attest: Judith A. Reed
Fulton County Auditor

Pub. 12-1-2011

"Thank You . . ."

The family of Don Scales would like to thank the Wayne Township First Responders and the Fulton County EMS for their prompt and competent care.

Thank you also to Dr. McKissick, nurses and staff at Logansport Memorial Hospital for their care of Don.

Thank you to Kyle Rans and his staff at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Home, Kewanna, for their kindness and for their services.

Thank you to Pastor Dave Sommers for his thoughtfulness, for his visits to the hospital and to the family and for his wonderful service.

Thank you to the American Legion and VFW for their honorable tribute to Don at the service.

Thank you to our family and friends and co-workers for their many prayers, cards and support during Don's passing.

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Town & Country CHATTER...

By: Julie Brown Ph.: (574) 653-2451

Tom and Barb LaFollette were in Rochester Sunday, Nov. 20. They helped with a benefit auction and ABATE event at the VFW post. The day's activities raised \$700 for the Shop-with-A-Cop and Toys-for-Tots programs.

Don Weller of Kathleen, Georgia and his friend, Teresa, of Florida were holiday week guests of Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans.

Pauline Brown and Julie had holiday guests Wednesday, Nov. 23. Arriving for an overnight stay were Pauline's son and his family, Jim and Deb Brown and Clayton of Fairland.

Ann Zartman and Shirley had holiday guests Thursday, Nov. 24. Arriving early for breakfast were Ann's daughter and son-in-law (the morning's chef) Jane and Rich Green. The foursome also enjoyed dinner together. In the afternoon, the group was joined by the Greens' son and his family, Dale Green, Joshua, Jacob and Wendy, of Culver.

Tom and Linda Garner had Thanksgiving dinner guests Thursday. Joining them for a pleasant visit over the meal were their son and daughter-in-law, T.J. and Ashley Garner.

Jerry and Kay Brown hosted their family's celebration of Thanksgiving Thursday. Joining them for dinner and a lot of wonderful visiting were their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Mick Brown; their daughter and son-in-law, Sue and Mike McKinney of Rochester; their

daughter and her family, Angie and Tom Smith, Leighnee, Kaelee, Will and Aidan of Rochester; their son, Mike Brown, and his friend and her son, Lynn Hall and Bryce; their grandchildren and their families, Jason and Britni Brown of Avon, Lindsay and Adam Loehmer and Leland of Monterey, Steve Fox with Griffin and Ted and Faith Brown, Chloe and Barrett; their grandchildren, Kyle and Molly McKinney of Muncie, Jessica Brown of Star City and Michael C. Brown of Winamac; Kay's mother, Mary K. Williamson of Winamac; and Kay's siblings, John and Rita Williamson of Winamac and Karen Kruger of Brownsburg.

Chris and Nita LaFollette, Michelle, Michael, Rebecca, Elizabeth and Thomas, of LaPorte hosted their family's holiday gathering. Joining them for dinner and a wonderful day were their niece and her son, Shelby Bohac and Eli; Chris's parents, Barb and Tom LaFollette; and his sister and her family, Karina and Terry Bohac and Nick of Rochester.

Florence Hogan had a few holiday guests Thursday. Helping her mark the day with dinner and a family visit were her daughter and son-in-law, Wendy and Dan Kelly of Lafayette and her son, Mike Hogan. Stopping by in the afternoon was Florence's granddaughter, Stephanie Malchow, of Rochester. They enjoyed a very nice visit while Florence tasted

the custard pie Stephanie had brought.

The Hamman family gathered at the Star City community building for Thanksgiving dinner with approximately 75 family members present.

Thursday evening guests of Kelly and Mark Smith, Kara and Zachary, for a Thanksgiving dinner were Joe and Karen Good.

Cora Lynn and Howard Clemans hosted their family's Thanksgiving get-together Thursday. Their guests for an afternoon of eating and visiting were their children and their families, Doug and Kara Sutton, Ethan and Owen, of Goshen and Kim Jenkins, Riley and Katelyn, of Leaters Fork; their nephew and his family, Chad and Deb Weller, Tyler and Cody, of Rolling Prairie; their nephew, Brent Wagoner of Warsaw and his daughter, Shelby, of Elma Green; Cora Lynn's siblings and their spouses, Rick and Belinda Weller of LaPorte and Randy and Steve Neidig of Bourbon; her brother, Don Weller and his friend, Teresa; and Cora Lynn's parents, Ray and Beth Weller and Barb and Jon Gast.

Diane Evers of Indianapolis hosted the Evers family Thanksgiving celebration Thursday. Among the 28 members of

the family who enjoyed lots of visiting and dining together during the day were her parents, Leonard and Nancy Evers.

Ellen Walsh enjoyed celebrating the holiday as a dinner guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Ken Ritz of Munster, and their family. Also joining them for dinner was Kathy's brother, Dan Walsh. In the afternoon, they were joined for a wonderful visit by Ellen's son and his family, Kerry and Beth Walsh, Alex and Andy of Clinton.

Romayne Wentzel hosted her family's Thanksgiving gathering over the weekend. Fifteen members of her family joined her for a wonderful holiday visit.

Kay and Jerry Brown were in Rochester Saturday evening, Nov. 26. They had an exciting time attending the Rochester vs. Winamac high school girls' basketball game. Leighnee and Kaelee Smith are players for Rochester. Also able to attend the game were Mary K. Williamson, Karen Kruger, Mark and Mick Brown, Sue and Mike McKinney, Mike Brown and Lynn Hall and Bryce.

Tom and Barb LaFollette

enjoyed visiting with friends at the Rochester VFW post Saturday.

Bruce and Denise Baker hosted a family Thanksgiving dinner Saturday. Guests included Ryan and Leslie Baker of Union, Ohio; Marvin and Marsha Bedrock of Knox; Daniel and Andrea Baker and Ethan, Joe and Karen Good, Mark and Kelly Smith, Kara and Zachary, Jackie Hoskins and Arlen Hammond.

Linda and Tom Garner hosted their family's Thanksgiving gathering Sunday, Nov. 27. Joining them for an afternoon of visiting and dinner were their children and their families, Amanda and Don Wassermann, Zachary and Mackenzie, of Valparaiso, Missy and Steve Young, Trey, Brianna, Kaylyn and Stevanna, of Twelve Mile and T.J. and Ashley Garner; Linda's mother, Pauline Scales; and Don and Charlotte Schnapp.

Florence Hogan had a couple of surprise visitors Sunday. Stopping by in the afternoon for a pleasant chat were Tom and Ramona Hickie.

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